

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Otter Tail Power Company
2013 Renewable Resource Cost Recovery Adj. Factor
Rates

Case No. PU-13-16

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Notice of Opportunity for Hearing

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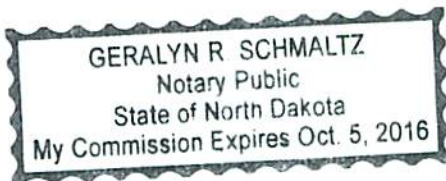
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Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 2nd day of **April, 2013**.

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Tariff

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING
March 27, 2013

On December 28, 2012, Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) filed a request for approval of its 2013 Renewable Resource Cost Recovery Adjustment Factor (Factor) for recovering costs associated with its wind farms. On March 15, 2013, Otter Tail filed an update to correct its original filing. The proposed Factor includes updated cost and revenue information for investments in the Langdon, Ashtabula, and Luverne Wind Projects. The proposal would reduce the current Factor from \$0.00556 per kWh to \$0.00518 for a decrease of 28¢ per month for a typical residential customer using 750 kWh.

The issues to be considered in this matter are:

1. What is Otter Tail's rate of return on its property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
2. What is a just and reasonable rate of return on Otter Tail's property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
3. What rates and charges are necessary to provide a just and reasonable rate of return on Otter Tail's property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
4. Are Otter Tail's proposed rates designed in such a manner that they result in a basis of charge to its customers that is just and reasonable without discrimination?
5. Other relevant information or proposals concerning the proceeding.


The Factor was not suspended by the Commission and it will be implemented by Otter Tail effective April 1, 2013. The Factor is subject to the subsequent issuance of this Notice of Opportunity for Hearing providing opportunity for comments or requests for hearing. Final implementation of the Factor is conditioned on expiration of the Notice period without receipt of any comments or requests for hearing and final decision of the Commission.

Comments and requests for a hearing must be received by **May 15, 2013**. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the

proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. If deemed appropriate, the commission can determine these matters without a hearing.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400 or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission.

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